



News Advisory

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CA State Parks Extends the Public Comment Period for the Folsom Lake SRA Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR/EIS

The Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be extending the public comment period for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA)/Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park (SHP) Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan and Draft EIR/EIS by an additional thirty (30) days.

The original 45-day public comment period, which was due to end on March 24, 2008, was originally extended by 37 days to April 30, 2008. In an effort to continue outreach and ensure that the public receives ample opportunity to review and comment on the Folsom Lake SRA/Folsom Powerhouse SHP Preliminary Plan and Draft EIR/EIS, State Parks Director Ruth Coleman has extended the public comment period by an additional 30 days. The new deadline for public comments is close of business **May 30, 2008**.

Work on the Folsom Lake SRA General Plan was initiated in June 2002. Stakeholder meetings and a public workshop were held in the fall of 2002 regarding issues the plan should address. A second public workshop was held in June 2003 regarding alternate management concepts for the two park units. A Resource Inventory was prepared regarding the existing conditions within the two park units and a visitor survey was conducted in 2004. Three public meetings have been held in March and April 2008 regarding the Preliminary Plan. The Preliminary Plan and Draft EIR/EIS are programmatic documents which provide goals and guidelines for the State Recreation Area and State Historic Park. Comments must be received or postmarked by **May 30, 2008** and sent to:

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The Plan and DEIR/DEIS will be available for viewing and download on the California State Parks Folsom Lake SRA General Plan website at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322

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